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Washington, DC - Rep. Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) released the following statement today in response to President Obama's speech on the economy and job creation.

"Today, President Obama reaffirmed his dedication to strengthening our economy by expanding tax credits for small businesses and helping create jobs for Iowa's middle class families. I was especially interested to hear President Obama is committed to investing in America's infrastructure and expanding our efforts in green manufacturing. Both of these efforts are proven to create good-paying jobs that can't be outsourced.

"Iowa is uniquely positioned to be a leader in manufacturing and harnessing the power of green energy with wind turbines and biofuels, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to increase these efforts. As we continue to transition toward a 21st century economy, it's critical that Iowa's small businesses and green manufacturers have the support they need to hire our experienced, educated workers and strengthen our middle class families."

On Friday, Braley and 18 other members of the Populist Caucus sent a letter to House Leadership, encouraging them to pass a comprehensive jobs bill that expands the infrastructure investments previously made as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The full text of the letter is available

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